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1. WE STILL AWAIT FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS ON OUR PLANNING TALKS AGENDA SUGGESTIONS. AS TALKS NOW LOOM ONLY SIX WEEKS AWAY, WE NEED URGENTLY TO FIRM UP THE AGENDA AND AGREE ON PAPERS TO BE EXCHANGED. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN FOREIGN OFFICE REACTIONS TO OUR PROPOSALS IN REF A ASAP AS WELL AS THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT PAPERS.

2. FOR OUR PART WE WOULD HOPE PAPERS CAN BE EXCHANGED BY SEPTEMBER 20. WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE RELATIVELY BRIEF (I.E. 8-10 PAGE) DISCUSSION PAPERS ON EACH OF THE SUBJECTS LISTED IN REF A, PARA. 4.

-- FUTURE PROBLEMS FOR AND PROSPECTS FOR COLLABORATION AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES.

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-- FUTURE EAST-WEST RELATIONS: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. (WE HAD EARLIER INDICATED OUR HOPE THAT THIS DISCUSSION MIGHT FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON EAST-WEST ECONOMIC TIES. GIVEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WE ARE NOW INCLINED TO REVERT TO A BROADER AND MORE TRADITIONAL DISCUSSION OF OUR RESPECTIVE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING. WE WILL, OF COURSE, EXPECT TO TOUCH ON THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS, BUT IN A WIDER FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY CONCERNS.)

-- POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS AND POLICY ISSUES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IN SELECTED THIRD WORLD AREAS (PARTICULARLY LATIN AMERICA, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA).

THE DISCUSSIONS NEED NOT BE CONFINED TO THE ITEMS COVERED IN THE PAPERS. BUT WE WOULD HOPE THE PAPERS WOULD PINPOINT THE DISCUSSION ON SOME AREAS THAT HAVE RECEIVED LESS ATTENTION IN OUR RECENT EXCHANGES. WE WOULD CONCENTRATE OUR PAPERS ON THE PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING THE US OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS PLUS SOME COMMENT ON IMPLICATIONS FOR US-GOJ RELATIONS. WE WOULD NATURALLY WELCOME ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS THE FOREIGN OFFICE MAY HAVE ON THE AGENDA, BUT UNDERSCORE THE NEED TO BEGIN WORK ON PAPERS IMMEDIATELY.

3. YOU MIGHT ALSO INQUIRE OF FOREIGN OFFICE WHO WILL BE ON THEIR DELEGATION. FYI WE WOULD BE INTERESTED PARTICULARLY TO KNOW WHETHER DEPUTY VICE MINISTER YOSHINO, WHO HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN RECENT PLANNING SESSIONS, INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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